

**Delta Citizens Municipal Advisory Council**  
P.O. Box 189, Walnut Grove, CA 95690, Phone 916-776-9122  
**Meeting Minutes**

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Date: 11/9/16  
Call To Order: 7:36 PM  
Adjourned: 10:05 PM  
Location: Jean Harvie Community Center, 14273 River Road, Walnut Grove, CA 95690  
Prepared By: Amelia Cook, Secretary

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## **I. Call To Order**

### **1. Roll Call**

Present: Gil Labrie, Chair. Mike Steinbacher, Vice Chair. Amelia Cook, Secretary. John Baranke, Stan Eddy, Darrell Ferreira, Michael Morris, Bradford Pappalaro, Sally Shanks, Topper Van Loben Sels.

Excused: William Schauer  
Absent: Tim Neuharth. Per Gil Labrie, in accordance with the bylaws, Tim Neuharth is no longer on the Council.

Quorum Present: YES (10)

### **2. Introductions:**

County Representative(s): Tim Kohaya, County Planning & Environmental Review. Surinder Singh, County Planning & Environmental Review.

Guest Speakers: Michael Penrose, Director, County of Sacramento, Municipal Services, Department of Transportation.

Public Attendees: See list in Attachment section.

### **3. Role of Council**

Chairman omitted discussion of DCMAC's role, since there were no matters on the agenda requiring Council's vote.

## **II. Agenda Setting**

1. Motion to add guest speaker to agenda and accept agenda: Darrell Ferreira  
Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> : Michael Morris

  
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Motion Carried: Ayes: Unanimous. Noes: None

### **III. Old Business**

1. Approval of 11/9/16 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Darrell Ferreira

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Michael Morris

Motion Carried: Ayes: Unanimous. Noes: None

### **IV. New Business**

1. Guest Speaker: Mr. Michael Penrose

Summary of Main Points:

- Department of Transportation has a list of priorities for road repair in 2017. Due to budget constraints, most repairs are surface level, pot-hole fixes, etc. not major road rebuilding.
- Mr. Penrose encouraged DCMAC to submit a list of priorities to him for road repair in the Delta. Council was receptive to the idea of complying a list.
- Council members recommended repair work on Walnut Grove-Thornton Road and Twin Cities Road as they have significant damage and can be dangerous.
- Failure to pass Measure B at the November election will negatively impact monies available for road repair.
- Road repairs are funded through the gas tax and federal grants. The gas tax has been a fixed amount since 1994. Costs for repairs have increased. Gas tax revenues have been flat or declining. Gas tax revenues do not cover cost of repairs.
- There is about a \$450M backlog of work in the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County. The available funding for the work is about \$8M. Mr. Penrose said that District 5 (the Delta) gets about 20% of the available revenue.
- Alternative ways to fund road repair are being considered by the State Legislature such as taxing on miles driven. Any such change is 8-10 years away.
- Department of Transportation will be making changes in Walnut Grove as a result of the Delta Protection Agency's workshops with town residents in 2016. Changes include: Adding an All-Way Stop at the Georgiana bridge, speed feedback signs at each end of town, cross-walk improvements at Post Office. Stop sign

  
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improvements at Mel's Ice Cream store. Further traffic calming efforts may come in the future such as speed bumps.

2. Planning Item For Review

Control No.: PLNP2015-00140. Project Name: Cal Am Walnut Grove. Assessor's Parcel No. 142-0080-090. Item To Be Continued At A Later Date.

Topper Van Loben Sels reminded County Representatives the DCMAC Chair had previously advised Cal Am Water that all community concerns be resolved before returning to DCMAC. Topper asked if the concerns had been resolved. Surinder said that he would let Cindy Schaer, County Project Manager know.

3. Planning Item for Review

Walnut Grove SPA. Control No. PLNP2013-00092. Project Name: Walnut Grove SPA Draft Amendments. Assessor's Parcel No.: Various.

Summary of Key Points:

- DCMAC Chair explained why he asked the Board of Supervisors to return the Walnut Grove SPA to Council for further review.
- DCMAC Chair raised concerns around the County's new Minor Use Permits including the lack of definition for these and the lack of review by DCMAC. Surinder said he would get information to Gil Labrie.
- Tim Kohaya started discussing the County's overview of the proposed changes to the SPA. Further meetings are expected to complete the review.
- The changes in the SPA are intended to simplify the SPA process for users.
- Items that raised concerns:
  - On-street Parking: the County added a phrase to enable business owners to count on-street parking as an offset to code requirements regarding parking for businesses. County added the phrase to give Walnut Grove businesses more flexibility. The Council raised many concerns. Decision was to take the phrase out.
  - Building Frontage minimums: decided they were ok at 20 feet.
  - Vacation Rentals Permits (VRP): residential housing used as vacation rentals. Decision was to revisit the VRP classification for residential property in east Walnut Grove.

  
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- Plan Check Review Process: meeting stopped at this point.

**4. Other Business:**

- Update on Definition of Quorum – Amelia Cook – Chairman decided that information would be emailed to Council members.
- Update on Bylaws Review – Project Status Report – Continued.
- Update on Size of Council – Status, Next Steps – Continued.

**5. Items for Next Meeting**


- Continuation of Walnut Grove SPA review.
- Develop list of road priorities for Dept. of Transportation.

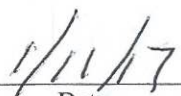
Next meeting: Special Workshop Meeting scheduled for 11/30/16 at 7:30 PM.  
Next regular meeting is 12/14/16 unless notified otherwise.

**V. Attachments**

**Public Attendees List:**

Eva S. – Davis, California  
Lawrence Horn – 13961 Islandview Way, Walnut Grove, CA 95690  
Robert Martinez – P.O. Box 717, City not stated.

  
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